



Best Management Practices for Mangroves and Reefs

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR VISITING MANGROVES

- ☐ Construct a boardwalk for easy and safe access to mangroves.
- ☐ Fill existing paths with gravel or stone to encourage their use instead of alternate routes.
- ☐ Encourage snorkeling during slack high tides, visibility will also be best then.
- ☐ Use non-motorized vessels like kayaks or canoes when possible to minimize noise and pollution.

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BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR VISITING REEFS

- ☐ Reef visits should be planned in advance, taking account of the tide, particularly reef walks which can only be done at low tide.
- ☐ Pre-departure briefings by tourism operators or MPA personnel should be essential, using or adapting existing codes-of-conduct for visitors.
- ☐ Regular meetings can be held with boat and dive operators to inform them of MPA activities and opportunities for participation and to discuss visitor issues; if appropriate support can be given to local communities to set up reef tourism operations.
- ☐ Responsible boat management should be required.

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